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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

SHINICHI SATO, et al.

Application No.: 09/994,724

Filed: November 28, 2001

For: INK, INK-JET INK, INK TANK,
INK-JET CARTRIDGE, INK
SUPPLY DEVICE, METHOD FOR
INTRODUCING INK TO INK
TANK AND IMAGE RECORDING)
DEVICE :

Examiner: M. Nghiem

Group Art Unit: 2861

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

<u>APPLICATION NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>DOCKET NO.</u>
09/580,410	May 30, 2000	2861	01272.020411
09/835,327	April 17, 2001	2861	01272.020457
09/840,165	April 24, 2001	2861	01272.020458

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(iii), a copy of the application specification, claims and drawings for each of the foregoing U.S. Applications is enclosed.

It is Applicants' belief that Japanese priority applications for some of the above U.S. applications may have been published before the filing date of the subject

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application, making the Japanese publications themselves available as prior art under at least § 102(a).

This application has received an Office Action on the merits but has not yet received either a final action or a notice of allowance. Accordingly, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) and is accompanied by the \$180.00 fee specified at 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p). Consideration of the art cited herein is accordingly deemed proper, and such action is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office by telephone at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,


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